

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 In the Matter of the Complaint of Lance
10 Staughton, owner of S/V BAT OUT OF HELL, a
11 1997 Carroll Marine, Ltd. Model Mumm 30,
12 U.S.C.G. No. 1070686 (USA55), for
13 Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability.
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CASE NO. C20-0725-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court on Claimant Matthew Walker's unopposed motion to
18 amend his answer (Dkt. No. 27). The other parties consent to the amendment, and it is proper
19 under Rule 15. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2) ("a party may amend its pleading . . . with the
20 opposing party's consent"). "Once the adverse party has consented to the amendment of a
21 pleading, the court has no control over the matter under Rule 15(a)." *Fern v. United States*, 213
22 F.2d 674, 677 (9th Cir. 1954).

23 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the parties' stipulated motion. Mr. Walker must file the
24 amended answer within 14 days of this order. The amended answer may not differ from the
25 answer attached to Mr. Walker's motion at Docket Number 27. The Court appreciates the parties
26 working together cooperatively.

1 DATED this 7th day of June 2021.

2 William M. McCool
3 Clerk of Court

4 s/Paula McNabb
5 Deputy Clerk